

8 (b) separating the fungal biomass of the *Aspergillus* strain from the culture  
9 medium to obtain a separated fermentation liquor,

10 (c) adjusting the pH of the separated culture medium to between about 4.5 and  
11 about 1, and

12 (d) recovering the mevinolin product.--

rule 1.126  
1 ~~10~~ 15. In a process for preparing mevinolin by fermentation of a biomass  
2 in a culture medium, which includes dissolving mevinolin formed by the biomass  
3 into the culture medium obtained by cultivation of an *Aspergillus* bacterium strain,  
4 and separating the biomass from the culture medium to obtain a separated culture  
5 medium, separating the mevinolin from the separated culture medium, and recover-  
6 ing the end product, the improvement which consists essentially of carrying out the  
7 dissolving at a pH between about 8 and 9, and  
8 carrying out the separating of the mevinolin at a pH of between 4.5 and 2.--

Claims 3, and 8-11, in line 1 of each, change the claim dependency from  
"13", to depend from claim ~~14~~.<sup>9</sup>

NE Delete claim 13.

Claims ~~4-5~~, in line 1 of each, change the claim dependency to depend  
from claim ~~15~~.<sup>10</sup>

#### REMARKS

Claims 3-11 and 14-15 are in the application.

The claims are redrafted in accordance with the expanded disclosure of  
the CIP application with respect to the more generic phrasing for the identity of the  
*Aspergillus* chain.